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My-Tan-Go (My Tho - Tan An - Go Cong) Province

1. Administrative and Resistance Committees (ARC)

a. Provincial

President: Noai An
Vice President: Phi Hung
Secretary General: Tran Van Lan

Provincial ARC headquarters are guarded by a post in Binh Than village located on the bank of the Ho Bo River, about 800 meters from the river's mouth. ARC offices are 1 kilometer from the post.

b. My Tho District

President: Ngo Ngoc Sang, a native of My Tho
Vice President: Mui
Chief of Police and Security: Pham Nui
Chief of Economic Service: Chinh Giao, a fairly wealthy resident of Thu Thua.

c. Thu Thua District

President: So, son of Thon Vi, resident of Binh Duc
Vice President: Dinh, resident of My Binh
Chief of Police and Security: Truong Hi, a photographer and resident of Thu Thua.

d. Moc Hoa District

President: Nho, native of My Tho

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Vice-President: Bap, native of My Tho
Chief of Economic Service: Le Son, resident of Tan An

2. A concentration camp with a 40-man capacity is located at the mouth of the Vam Co Tay (Great Vaico) River at Tan Thiet village at the border of Bien Hoa Province. The camp is actually 100 meters from the riverbank, and is protected by a seven-man guard contingent under Trinh Van Cau, a Chinese metis. The guard unit has six rifles and one MAS sub-machine gun. A 70-man concentration camp is located in the same area, but the exact site is unknown. It is guarded by ten men with five rifles and is commanded by deputy platoon leader Ho Van Nginh, a Tonkinese.
3. Miscellany
 - a. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) has recently laid-off a large number of civil servants and has thus lowered the morale among the remaining workers. These workers have shown their discontent with Communist methods in the DRV by abandoning their posts and going over to the National Government. Only 30 percent of the total number of civil servants approve of the organizational methods adopted by the DRV.
 - b. All the fertile rice fields of the Plaine des Joncs have been occupied by Franco-Vietnamese forces, depriving the DRV of resources. The collection of taxes in either rice or money has become difficult. As a result, the DRV is considering the abandonment of the Plaine des Joncs.
 - c. The Ho Chi Minh piaster has become worthless in the Plaine des Joncs, and the DRV has authorized the use of Bank of Indochina piasters.
 - d. The DRV threatens to blow up the Saigon-My Tho railroad between Tan An and My Tho with mines.
 - e. A member of the DRV security force, Nuoi Dang, currently frequents the My Tho market.

Long-Chau-Sa (Long Xuyen - Chau Doc - Sadec) Province¹

4. ARC Committees

a. Provincial

Chief of Province: Vo Phat, an important Communist, now recalled to the Central Committee.²
Acting Chief of Province and Special Secretary: Long, normally Chief of Police and Security.
President: Phan Van Su
Commissar of Administrative Services: Phan Van Thau
Political Commissar: Truong Man
Chief of Police and Security (replacing Long): Y, a native of My Tho.
Chief of Cabinet: Phan.

b. Cao Lanh District

Chief of District: Nguyen An Tinh, known as Tinh
President: Khe
Chief of Police and Security: Nguyen Van Hao
Deputy Chief of Police and Security: Nguyen Sinh.

c. Lai Vung District

President: Cuong
Chief of Police and Security: Nguyen Van Hen.

d. Chau Doc District³

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President: Truong Van Cam
Chief of Police and Security: Hong Son.

5. Administrative Affairs⁴

- a. All members of cadres must now be Communists. Members of Nambo cadres may be assigned to provinces, and members of provincial cadres may be assigned to districts when necessary to implement this directive.
- b. All cadre members must submit to an examination of their past actions. After the examination, all those who have a nationalistic outlook will be sent to Zone 9 for instruction. Those who do not desire to remain in Zone 9 may request permission to go to the cities and find work. If permission is granted, they must furnish four photographs to the authorities and guarantee to return to the resistance zone immediately upon being summoned.

Vinh-Tra (Vinh Long - Tra Vinh) Province

6. Administrative Affairs

When Binh, President of the Vinh Long ARC, was killed by French troops during a military operation, the Provinces of Vinh Long and Tra Vinh were united under the name Vinh-Tra. President of the Vinh-Tra ARC is Tri. However, Tri concerns himself primarily with the affairs of Tra Vinh, and the affairs of Vinh Long are now conducted by two groups. One group is directed by Vung and Toi from an office in Tam Binh; and the second group is directed by Thanh and Long from an office in Vinh Long or in Cai Ngan. As the Vinh Tra Province does not function, provincial cadres have returned to the districts as district representatives of the provincial ARC and are now directly supervising administration at this level. District cadres have returned to the villages. The Police and Security branch is now controlled by Dai and Giao. Communist Party members are now in control of all power. The Special Secretary for the Communist Party of Vinh Tra is Toi.⁵

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Comment. The report indicates a continuing trend of deterioration of the DRV position in South Vietnam. The DRV is faced with continuing economic difficulties and its position in the Plaine des Jones, a traditional stronghold is becoming less and less tenable. There is unrest among the administrative personnel and the decree that all cadres must be Communists indicates that the Communist core of the DRV is finding indirect control increasingly difficult. The need to review and reeducate Communist Party members appears to indicate weakness.

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1. Comment. The DRV Province of Long-Chau-Sa is bounded by Hong Ngu, to a point in Cahu Doc Province, to Binh Thanh, to Ba Rang, to a point in Long Xuyen Province, to Cao Lanh and the District of Lai Vung.

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Comment. The province therefore includes the Cis-Bassac areas from the Cambodian frontier to Sadec, and includes the north bank of the northern arm of the Mekong.

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Comments

2. It is not clear whether Vo Phat was recalled to become a member of the Central Committee or for consultation or for some other purpose.

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3. Comment. the Districts of Lai Vung and Chau Doc and the Commune of Sadec are consolidated into a new district called Lai-Thi-Chau. Chief of Administrative Affairs of the new district is Le Van Chau, who is also Political Commissar. Chau is a member of the Communist Party and attended a cadre school in China for six months. He is directly responsible to the Chief of Province.

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Comments

4. This paragraph is also applicable to Vinh Tra Province.

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5. It is reported that Vung, of the Tam Binh office, will soon ask the Country Committee to reorganize the Vinh-Tra ARC. [REDACTED] means that Vung will ask the Nambo ARC.

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